

Like many other crimes, child abuse or neglect can take many different forms; physical abuse, sexual abuse, bullying and withholding basic necessities of life. This can occur to children of all ages. When reported to police, investigations often consist of a coordinated effort including the Pullman Police Department, school personnel, Child Protection Services (CPS) and the Whitman County Prosecutor's Office. Access the following links to learn more about child abuse and prevention. If you suspect someone is abusing or neglecting a child, or need to talk about a situation where someone may be being harmed, please call the Pullman Police at 509.332.2521.

Following are links for resources and information:

- **Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse** (www.atvp.org) Sole area 24 hours advocacy service for children as well as adults.
- **Council for Children and Families Washington** (www.nsvrc.org) This was the first state agency nationwide dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect. Reporting number and information.
- **US Department of Health and Human Services: Child Welfare Information Gateway** (www.childwelfare.gov) Informational site.